

Docket No.: 242938US0



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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/670,320

Applicants: Yohichiroh WATANABE, et al.

Filing Date: September 26, 2003

For: TONER, DEVELOPER INCLUDING THE TONER,  
AND METHOD FOR FIXING TONER IMAGE

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: DOTE

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Letter; Copy of the Date-Stamped Filing Receipt dated Sept. 26, 2003 (Copy of Information Disclosure Statement and List of Related Cases as filed Sept. 26, 2003), Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 (3 pp.); cited references (Japanese Patents (9) English Abstracts (9))**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of **180.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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LETTER

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2005, Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and a Form PTO 1449 which correctly lists the foreign references originally filed on September 26, 2003. Copies of the cited references are attached as well.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that she considered the Lists of Related Cases filed January 5, 2004, February 23, 2004, March 1, 2004 and June 17, 2004, November 1, 2004, December 8, 2004, December 29, 2004, January 12, 2005 and March 4, 2005.

In addition, Applicants request the Examiner to indicate consideration of the List of Related Cases filed on September 26, 2003. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt and the List of Related Cases filed September 26, 2003, are

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Reply to Office Action of April 29, 2005

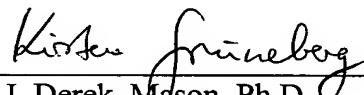
attached herewith. The copy of the date-stamped filing receipt shows that copies of the cited pending applications were indeed submitted together with the List of Related Cases.

The pending applications cited in the Lists of Related Cases filed August 17, 2004, September 9, 2004 and September 23, 2004, have now published. Since the Examiner indicated that the Patent Office prefers citation to the patent application publication by publication number, the respective publication numbers are now listed on the Form PTO-1449, which is filed together with the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

A response on the merits of the Office Action will be filed soon.

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In the matter of the Application of: Yohichiro WATANABE, et al.

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**Due Date: September 26, 2003**



The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**LIST OF RELATED CASES**

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